

CALIFORNIA RATIFIES SUFFRAGE.
SACRAMENTO, Cal., Nov. 2.—Both branches of the California legislature, which had been called in special session by Governor Stephens for that purpose, ratified the suffrage constitutional amendment.

TO ASK PRESIDENT FOR TREATY ADVICE

Democratic Senate Leaders Plan Conference At White House This week.

The conference with the President for which Democratic leaders in the Senate are anxious in order to get directions as to how they shall conduct themselves in the treaty fight is likely to be held the early part of this week.

Senator Hitchcock learned from the White House today that it might be possible for him to confer with the President within a very few days, provided the President continues to improve as he has during the past few weeks.

If the conference can be arranged, it is probable Senators Hitchcock and Swanson will compose the delegation which will visit the President.

Senator Hitchcock said there is

nothing in the present situation which demands attention from the President, in view of the fact that several amendments to be disposed of before the reservations can be taken up. It is not believed that these amendments will be out of the way before the middle of this week.

May Oppose November 12 Vote.

The proposal made by Senator Lodge to fix November 12 as the date for the final vote on the treaty probably will receive opposition from the Democratic side if it is not objected to by Senator Borah. Senator Hitchcock intimated today he will be compelled to object to any request at this time to fix the time for the final vote unless the conditions are so drawn as to preclude the possibility of all the time of the debate being taken up by one or two Senators.

"I am not convinced," he said, "that the proposal made by Senator Lodge is not a trap which would bring us to a vote on the resolution of ratification without giving us an opportunity to offer a substitute set of reservations or propose amendments to those of the committee."

"If the time is set for taking the final vote without these matters being thoroughly understood, one or two Senators might keep the floor for the entire period allowed for debate, and by offering amendments or reservations of their own keep any other Senators from having any time to debate. I am very sure that there will be objections to Senator Lodge's proposition at least one long speech against the treaty before the vote is taken. It is doubtful if he would consent now to set the limit of one hour on speeches. Senator Reed has been confined to his home by illness, and Senator Lodge said when he offered the proposal yesterday that he would not undertake to press it until Senator Reed has been consulted."

Borah and Reed Would Speak.

Senator Borah is not inclined to agree at this time to any proposal to limit the debate or to fix the day for the final vote. He has two reservations covering Article X, and the British protectorate of Egypt, which he desires to discuss at considerable length when he gets the opportunity. His reservation on Article X goes farther than that prepared by the committee, as it covers the use of American troops abroad in time of peace as well as in war, whereas that of the committee has to do only with the use of troops in time of war.

It is also believed probable that some objection may be offered by Senator Reed of Missouri, to Senator Lodge's request as he has planned to deliver at least one long speech against the treaty before the vote is taken. It is doubtful if he would consent now to set the limit of one hour on speeches. Senator Reed has been confined to his home by illness, and Senator Lodge said when he offered the proposal yesterday that he would not undertake to press it until Senator Reed has been consulted."

BOY BANDIT WORE SISTER'S SHOES TO BAFFLE POLICE

CAMDEN, Pa., Nov. 2.—Five boys, ranging from twelve to seventeen years of age, have been arrested and are said to have confessed to a long series of housebreakings.

For months detectives have sought a woman burglar, whose fingerprints were found near robbed dwellings. One of the boys says that he always wore his sister's shoes while "on the job."

Let the Wedding Bells Ring Out

By JEAN KNOFF.



U. S. FUEL STATIONS TO GIRDLE WORLD

Fuel stations to girdle the world to aid America's merchant marine in its efforts to gain a share of the world trade is the plan of the Shipping Board, according to an announcement here.

In addition to stations at the Panama canal and St. Thomas, it was announced, arrangements have been made for establishing stations at the Azores, Bizerta, a small French island off Tunis, and at Manila.

"Despite what has been done," said J. H. Rossiter, director of the Shipping Board's division of operation, "we feel that we are still at the threshold of the major part of the question, this involving an increase in storage capacity of fuel stations and additional tank steamships for transporting oil to them. We must also take into account the fact that we must now carry oil to our Atlantic seaports; not only from Mexico, but from the Texas and Louisiana fields as well."

"Finally we must awake to the importance of encouraging the establishment of national interest in other known and probable oil regions of the world. For two years our British friends have been admirably directing their attention to new oil regions, notably those of Colombia, Venezuela, and Ecuador, and also to the fields of the Levant, in which it is surmised that the fields of Turkey promise results exceeding the output of the great oil fields of California, which the Turkish fields are said to resemble."

FRENCH PRESIDENT CAN'T FIND A HOME

PARIS, Nov. 2.—The practical impossibility to obtain living quarters in Paris is exemplified by the plight of President Poincaré, who so far has been unable to find a suitable apartment for himself and Mme. Poincaré for next February. He expects to be obliged to go to a hotel and store his furniture.

United States Ambassador Wallace is being congratulated by his friends on securing a lease on the mansion of the Prince of Radziwill in the Place de l'Étoile, one of the handsomest residential districts in Paris.

CHURCH URGED TO SPURN PROFITEERS

NEW YORK, Nov. 2.—Profiteers and their money should find no home in the Baptist Church, which should spurn any contributions offered by such persons, according to the Rev. Dr. Samuel Zane Batten, secretary of the social service education for the American Baptist Publication Society. Dr. Batten, who has just returned from a study of industrial conditions abroad, said:

"Every Baptist church should know whether any of its members are engaged in this nefarious business of profiteering. The church should refuse to touch the dirty money of these people. Some money is the price of blood and should be spurned by the church."

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BERLIN, Nov. 2.—Germany made peace proposals in 1916, simultaneous with President Wilson's mediation offer, because she "wanted two irons in the fire."

Dr. Theobald von Bethmann-Hollweg, then German chancellor, made this explanation while under cross-examination today before the Reichstag committee investigating conduct of the war.

"We desired to have two irons in the fire, so as to avail ourselves of which ever proved the more favorable," he said. Then he defended the Government's failure to inform Wilson beforehand of German's intention on the ground that "the effect of our offer of December 12, 1916, depended upon its unexpectedness."

"Even the Reichstag was surprised," he said. "It would have been politically impudent to have given out any advance information."

The old diplomat, who startled the committee yesterday by declaring that the German people themselves desired "military overlordship" and that Field Marshal von Hindenburg was all-powerful in Germany during the war, told the committee today that Wilson was "honest but dilatory." He cited Count von Bernstorff, former ambassador to the United States, as one of his authorities for this conclusion. He said von Bernstorff, in a memorandum to the war office, described Wilson as "hesitating and addicted to dilatory tactics."

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